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In re Patent Application of:

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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR  
MEDIATING COMMON CHANNEL  
SIGNALING MESSAGES BETWEEN  
NETWORKS USING A PSEUDO-SWITCH

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to Examination, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph appearing at page 1, lines 5-17 of the specification. A marked-up version of the changes made is attached.

--This application is a continuation-in-part application of Serial No. 09/607,931, filed June 30, 2000 and entitled METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR MEDIATING

COMMON CHANNEL SIGNALING MESSAGES BETWEEN NETWORKS USING A PSEUDO-SWITCH and is related to application Serial No. 09/609,033, filed June 30, 2000 and entitled METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR IN CONTEXT MEDIATING COMMON CHANNEL SIGNALING MESSAGES BETWEEN NETWORKS; to application Serial No. 09/767,292, filed January 18, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/607,930, filed June 30, 2000, both entitled METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR AUTHENTICATING CONTROL MESSAGES IN A SIGNALING NETWORK; and to Serial No. 09/606,684, filed June 30, 2000, and entitled METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR MEDIATING COMMON CHANNEL SIGNALING MESSAGE BETWEEN NETWORKS USING CONTROL MESSAGE TEMPLATES. The specifications of those applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--

#### REMARKS

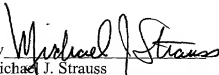
The cross-reference paragraph of the specification is amended to include the application serial number assigned to the cited CIP application filed in connection with the referenced related parent application serial number 09/607,930.

The drawings are amended to include appropriate margins required by 37 CFR 1.84(g) and Figure 4 is amended to revise the reference numerals to correspond to the written specification at page 36, lines 2 - 16. In particular, elements 302-320 are relabeled as elements 402-420 consistent with the cited portion of the specification.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

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Marked-up Version of Amendments

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